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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The first monument ever unveiled at night in this country was the one dedicated to James A. Garfield at Philadelphia, May 30th. It must have been a grand sight—the thousands on either side of the ravine where stands the monument, with lantern-hung steamers on the Schuylkill, fireworks and colored torches, with electric lights flung over all. The monument stands about half a mile from the statue of Lincoln.

Good roads are a great necessity in this country; but the time will never come, we presume, when it will be said of our roads as it has been said of Rome. One man writes: "The Roman road was built for eternity"; and says that the Appian Way is still a magnificent road after 2,000 years of use. Roman roads that were built in France are still good roads, and are a monument to the aphorism, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

Time out of mind it has been an agricultural aphorism that "There's more in the man than there is in the land." The plain English of this is, that the man of pluck, push and perseverance can do something anywhere you put him, even at farming, though thousands say there is not a living in it. So in every other field of human endeavor, there is more in the one who does a thing and how he does it than there is in what the good talker now popularly calls "environments."

According to trade reports fewer books are issued in the United States than in England, Germany or France. But Americans must not be judged as a people not addicted to reading. Our periodical literature is much superior to that in those countries. It is said that there is practically nothing in Europe that corresponds to our daily papers and monthly magazines. The New York Herald's cross-the-water editions surpass any dailies made there by native publishers.

It is interesting to note what Americans read and write. From Munsey's Magazine we gather that Americans read last year 3,887 new books, and of these 1,157 were on law, theology, religion, political and social science, and mental and moral philosophy. Americans then, it seems, are not quite so frivolous as some are inclined to think. Of the 1,400 novels published in this country in 1895, 573 were the work of American authors. The native novelist is writing 41 per cent. of our novels against 59 per cent. by English, French, German and other authors.

"Debt is a good master," say some; but it is a debated question as to which is the stronger stimulus to men to put forth noble effort, poverty or plenty. Some think that the sense of abject poverty clinging to one, quenches the fires of ambition, because he knows he is in front of a difficulty that is hard to overcome; while another says that absolute ease has a tendency to make most persons careless and negligent. We are of the opinion that it all depends upon how hotly the flame of ambition burns. Poverty cannot quench that ambition that is of the noblest type, neither will it yield to the embraces of luxury. If the flame burns steadily and strong neither influence can hinder.

What is the matter with "Silver Dollar" Bland for the Presidency? It would seem that in the fitness of things Richard P. Bland of Missouri is the man for Democrats to nominate for President on a silver platform. He is the father of the silver movement. He was lost from Congress in the Republican landslide in 1894, but he is no less a Presidential possibility. He is a typical farmer on his farm near Lebanon, where he oversees the work, is helpful to his hired men and never dresses up in "store clothes" except on Sunday. Having to shift for himself in childhood he became familiar with farm work and has kept in touch with it all the time. He is said to be a poor man.

THE CHANGE OF TIME.

I tell ye, times is changin',
And cookin's changin', too:
Ther's nothin' hes the relish
That vittles used ter do.
Some thinks it's in the etens—
I don't purtend ter say—
I know things don't taste nateral—
Account for't how ye may.

I don't get no sich beans now
As mother used ter bake—
With pork all crisp and juicy,
Just mettin' like a flake;
And loaves of rye and injun,
Cut off in slices round,
All light, and sweet, and smokin',
Ain't nowhere to be found,

Ther's ain't no more such doughnuts
As mother used ter fry;
Ther's never was her ekal
For mince or punkin pie.
Sich gingerbread for trainin',
Such spicy 'lection cake,
Sich puddin's and dan-dowdies,
Nobody else can make.

She had a big blue platter
That held a master sight—
But when she'd get biled dinner,
It wasn't too big, a mite,
Piled up with meat and cabbage,
With turnip and with beet,
And carrots and pertaters—
I tell ye, 'twas complete!

We had flapjacks then, for breakfast,
And real codfish hash;
And warm cooked hasty puddin'—
'Twan't much, nor any sich trash.
I hanker for a biskit,
With butter jest like her'n,
And a bowl of cider apple sass
To top the whole concern.

How one thing starts another!
'Tis curious, I declare;
I'd 'sena most forgotten
How good her dumplin's were;
And stews, and tripe and inyons,
And seasoned head and pluck—
Our folks does try to fix 'em
But they never has no luck.

Their sassaengers and sassaengers,
I don't no what they lack;
Ther's nothin' baked or roasted—
Mebbe, 'twas mother's knack,
Ther's nothin' baked or roasted—
Ther's nothin' fried or biled,
That has the genuine goodness—
Or else my taste is spiled!

—E. M. M.

The Housekeeper's Column.

THE COMMONWEALTH wishes to be helpful to every one in every home which it visits, and we know that no one often needs help than the housekeeper, who must three times a day plan meals for the whole family. Perhaps the following about cooking potatoes may be of interest to the good housewives who read these columns:

Very large potatoes should be rejected. They are usually hollow hearted and unsavory. To boil potatoes, have the water boiling first and slightly salted. Cut off the tips of their ends and throw into the boiling water. When done, drain and shake, holding the cover down firmly. Set back upon the stove for a minute, and they will be dry and mealy. In the spring potatoes should stand in cold water a few hours before using. Mashed potatoes look much nicer when done with a patent masher. Baked potatoes are improved by first boiling them (skins on) for 15 minutes, then putting them into the oven. Always have a quick oven for baking potatoes and turn them over once or twice while baking. A meat pie is far healthier if, instead of the usual crust of rich pastry, a potato crust or cover is used.

Many appetizing breakfast dishes are prepared from cold boiled potatoes, and here are the following from Good Housekeeping, authority also for the foregoing suggestions:

Cold mashed potatoes may be molded into balls, then dipped into beaten egg and cracker crumbs. Fry in a basket in a kettle of hot lard or drippings until a rich brown. Or potato scramble may be made by cutting cold boiled potato into dice, turning into hot beef, chicken or turkey gravy, heating thoroughly and serving hot. Potato croquettes are made as follows and are acceptable not only for breakfast, but for lunch:

Two cupfuls of warm mashed potatoes, one-quarter cupful of hot milk, beaten together until light; add a tablespoonful of melted butter, one-half teaspoonful of salt, a pinch of mace or nutmeg and enough beaten egg to handle easily. Shape, dip into beaten egg and roll in sifted cracker crumbs. Fry in hot lard until nicely browned. Garnish with parsley.

SOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY.

ITS FIELDS ARE OPEN.

Wise Immigration.

Manufacturers' Record.

The most important question before the South is, how to secure immigration. A large movement of population from the North and West and of the better classes of German, Scandinavian and British farmers to the South would be of incalculable value to this section. It would stimulate the whole South, wonderfully augment the growth of manufactures, enhance the value of all agricultural land and of all city property, increase the money-making opportunities of every man, woman and child in the South, bring about better educational facilities, secure the construction of better roads, forever settle all possible race questions, and give to this section a prosperity as much greater than that of the North and West as the natural advantages of the former exceed those of the latter. It is the duty of every man and woman interested in the South to bend their best energies to this great question. It demands the untiring work, the most liberal financial aid and the daily thought of everyone who desires to see the South enjoy the blessings that would come from an ever-increasing southward movement of population. Will the people of the whole South, the bankers, the merchants, the manufacturers, the land owners, the railroad companies and all others realizing the vital importance of greater energy in this work and the greatness of the reward that is possible, take up these questions with new activity and enthusiasm?

Why the South is Poor.

Durham Sun.

Why have the Northern States east of the Rocky Mountains about twice the population of the Southern States? Why have they twice the wealth per capita? Why are their farm lands worth from twice to five times as much?

This is the reason: Because the South sells raw material and the North sells manufactured products; because the South has only farms and mines, and the North has factories.

The South sells little and buys much, and pays a profit on it all; the North buys little and sells much, and earns a profit on it all.

But the South has the more iron, coal and mineral riches; the more valuable timber; the monopoly of cotton, sugar and rice, the more favorable climate—ten months in which to till the soil instead of six—and the most favorable conditions for prosperity to be found on the globe. It is the only section that has raw material in great variety and abundance, spread over a vast area, with ability to raise its own food supply. It is the only section that can employ a vast body of mechanics in converting its own raw material and feed them from its own farms. In a few words the South can produce its principal raw material more cheaply, and feed its mechanics more cheaply, than any other section of the United States can.

If these things are true, and they are true, they need only to be shown to the world to cause the building of factories, and the influx of immigration. Every farmer, merchant and land owner in the South will be personally benefited by this result.

Mexican Jury System.

Robesonian.

Mexico has an ingenious plan for facilitating verdicts in jury trials. Two supernumerary jurors are drawn to sit near the jury box and listen to the evidence and arguments. If any of the regular jury falls ill or is otherwise disqualified from going on, one of the "supes" takes his place. In this way they avoid what is often seen in American courts—a long trial rendered useless when it is nearly finished by sudden illness or death of one juror.

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A Supreme Court on Fortune-Tellers.

Lansing (Mich.) Journal.

An opinion handed down by the Supreme Court is likely to send cold chills running up and down the spinal columns of modern day seers, fortune tellers and the like who have been wont to find a rich harvest in Michigan. It is evident that the learned justices do not take much stock in the ability of the seventh son of a seventh son to tell the future.

This intimation of the views of the court was contained in an opinion written by Justice Grant and signed by the other justices in the case of the People vs. Arthur Elmer.

Last year Elmer appeared at Ionia and advertised extensively his power to foretell the future. He was liberally patronized, but after advising a woman to leave her husband, saying that while in a trance he had seen the latter in the act of killing her, he was arrested as a disorderly person and convicted.

This judgment was affirmed in an opinion in which the English statute, which declares that "every person pretending or professing to tell fortunes shall be deemed a rogue and a vagabond," was approvingly quoted. The opinion also approves the language of the trial judge to the effect that no person not a lunatic could believe the accused possessed the power to foretell the future.

Zuna's Clever Ruse.

Land and Water.

"The other day I witnessed an amusing instance of canine sagacity worthy of commemoration in print. I was staying with friends who have a varied collection of a Blenheim spaniel and her five puppies, a fox terrier and two fine deerhounds. This happy family are allowed to spend part of the day in the drawing room, and they conform to certain rules of boundary lines and amicable agreement among themselves. The hearth rug is the favorite 'coigne of advantage' with them all. Zuna, the deerhound, sauntered in one morning and found every approach to the fire by the slumbering forms of her companions. She tried gently to scratch a passage for herself, but was repelled with growls. So, apparently suffering from extreme loneliness of spirits, she retired to a distant corner of the room, but not to sleep. For ten minutes she crouched there, pondering silently, then, suddenly bounding up, flew to the window, and barked as if an invading army were in sight. Of course every one, human and canine, followed in mad haste. The hearth rug was left unoccupied, and Zuna quietly trotted round, stretched her huge form before the fire, and in an instant was snoring heavily, leaving us all staring out into vacancy—emphatically 'sold'!"

Discoveries in Ohio Mounds.

Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Warren K. Morehead, curator of the Ohio Archeological Society, has been opening mounds along the valleys of the Muskingum River and its tributaries, making some important finds. A small mound on the Porteus farm, three miles south of Coshocton, was opened, in which five skeletons were found. These skeletons are of unusual interest to science, as they indicate the type of the prehistoric race. The skull is thicker than that of the Negro, with low facial angles, prominent jaws, handsome teeth, and small brain capacity. The skeletons indicate a tribe somewhat shorter than ourselves, more muscular and heavier.

Near Walhounding in a mound two feet high, was found the skeleton of a person supposed to have been the arrow maker of the tribe. Just above him were buried some sixty or seventy of his implements. These were made of flint, beautifully shaped, and about half the size of a man's hand. In a gravel pit near by was found the skeleton of a child, with mussel shells and other play things.

In a mound nine feet high, on the Johnson farm, were found a stone used for playing games, flint-scalping knives, and a few arrow heads. There are a great many mounds in this valley, and it is expected that other valuable and interesting finds will be made.

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HOW THEY GO.

THERE ARE WAYS AND WAYS.

The Walk of Women.

London Figaro.

"How women walk" has recently been the subject of discussion in a Parisian journal. According to this authority, the palm must be awarded to French women. The English woman, it states, does not walk; she travels. Her limbs appear to be moved by the engine of a steamer, and her feet have the proportions of an Atlantic liner! Concerning the gait of women of other countries, this interesting journal goes on to remark that the German is heavy, one feels the earth tremble beneath her tread; the Spanish woman "prances"; the American resembles the pendulum of a clock, the Italian "skips," the Russian "skates," the Dutch woman "rolls," and the Belgian tramps about.

Now, although these remarks are ungracious and uncomplimentary to our own nation particularly, we cannot but own there is a certain amount of truth in them. Numbers of women do not seem to care how they walk so long as they cover the distance they wish to traverse somehow. But if they could only see themselves as they appear to the casual onlooker, how very differently they would comport themselves! How often is a pretty face and figure spoiled by a stoop of the shoulders and a waddling, bustling walk!

Corsican women are models of queenly grace, and the reason is plain. They have a curious custom of carrying burdens, waterpots, etc., on their heads. I noticed a Corsican woman going on board a steamer at Marseilles not long ago carrying her baby in her arms and her portmanteau on her head. As nearly all the water in Corsica is carried from wells by women in waterpots, the women acquire from youth the practice of carrying burdens on their heads. An hour's practice of this exercise a day with, for instance, a book or pillow on our head, would do wonders in the way of making us into types of grace and ease, when before we were the exact opposite.

Importance of Small Industries.

Robesonian.

As an exchange aptly remarks: Great industries play an important part in building up a town but they are not so valuable, neither will they build up a town so quickly or on so solid a basis as will smaller industries. The South has been badly injured as the steady drain of its money to the North rendered necessary by this section not having manufacturing plants to turn our own raw material into articles needed here and which we now have to purchase from the outside.

The live, go-ahead cities and towns of the South have made by the establishment of manufacturing enterprises within their borders, and we find that the places with a large number of small factories are growing much faster and are more prosperous than those with a few large ones.

Now the question is how to get factories established in a town? We will answer, by co-operation of its live citizens. No matter how many advantages a town or city may have, the chances are against outside capital coming to it without its citizens help to bring it there. Capital is being invested in too many places in the South for the men who possess it to have to hunt up a place to invest it. When the advantage of so many places are being kept before their eyes they naturally think that the towns which keep in the dark have nothing to recommend them.

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